would be used in the programme. In this programme interviews, of six other persons were recorded for longer duration but much lesser footage was used. However particular care is taken that while editing the programmes the statements made by the interviewee are not distorted and the gist of what the interviewee intended to say is faithfully conveyed. Regarding General Mayadas's views on the choice of the gun which was the main thrust of the first part of the programme his views were fully telecast.

(b) No, Sir. It is not the general practice followed by Doordarshan.

Production of Vanaspati

1276. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of Vanaspati is on a declining trend;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what corrective action is being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) There was a decline in the production of vanaspati during the months of April and May. However, the production has gone up in the month of June as shown below:

Month, 1988	*Production* (in tonnes)
February . . .	81,554
March	80,654
April	73,69
May	75,210
June	82,005

(b) and (c) One of the main reasons for the decline in production is the shortage of tinplates for packing of vanaspati. As a remedial measure, permission is being regularly granted for the use of non-ISI thoroughly cleaned second hand tin containers for packing of vanaspati. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has also been asked to ensure expeditious clearance of pending applications for the manufacture of pouches for packing of vanaspati.

1277. [Tranferred to the 9th August, 1988.]

Introduction of mid-day programme

1278. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce one hour mid-day programme on Doordarshan for housewives and retired persons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to commence afternoon transmission from 1345 hrs. to 1445 hrs. on Mondays to Fridays. The programmes to be included in this transmission will be a mix of entertainment, utility and informative etc.

Setting up of district Centres to implement scheme for Handicapped

1279. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up district Rehabilitation Centre to implement scheme to provide comprehensive and coordinated services to Handicapped persons living in rural areas; and

(b) if so how many centres have been set up so far State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) The District Rehabilitation Centre Scheme has